

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Jun 61	2. LOCATION Dexter, Missouri	12. CONCLUSIONS		
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0215 GMT 300815Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical Venus <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hr 30 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE S		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Star-like objt, bright reddish-orange at times and blue-white at others. Appeared slightly brighter than other stars, slightly larger than Venus. Without changing position, it faded out like someone had turned out a light.			11. COMMENTS Objt was reported to be low in NE moving S. Witnesses were apparently looking at objt through a haze layer, according to report. Altho witnesses ruled out planets, a check indicates that Venus was in position reported. Venus, or any light source, viewed thru a haze layer will have an unusual appearance. Fact that objt was viewed for over 2 hrs rules out a/c or even balloons. Any astronomical body observed in NE will appear to be moving S. Disappearance and reappearance could very well be due to clouds. It is concluded that objt was probably Venus.	

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane (type)
- e. At sea
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

26. Were you (Circle One):

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |
|              |              |              | i. Overhead  |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |
|              |              |              | i. Overhead  |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North (thru east) and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

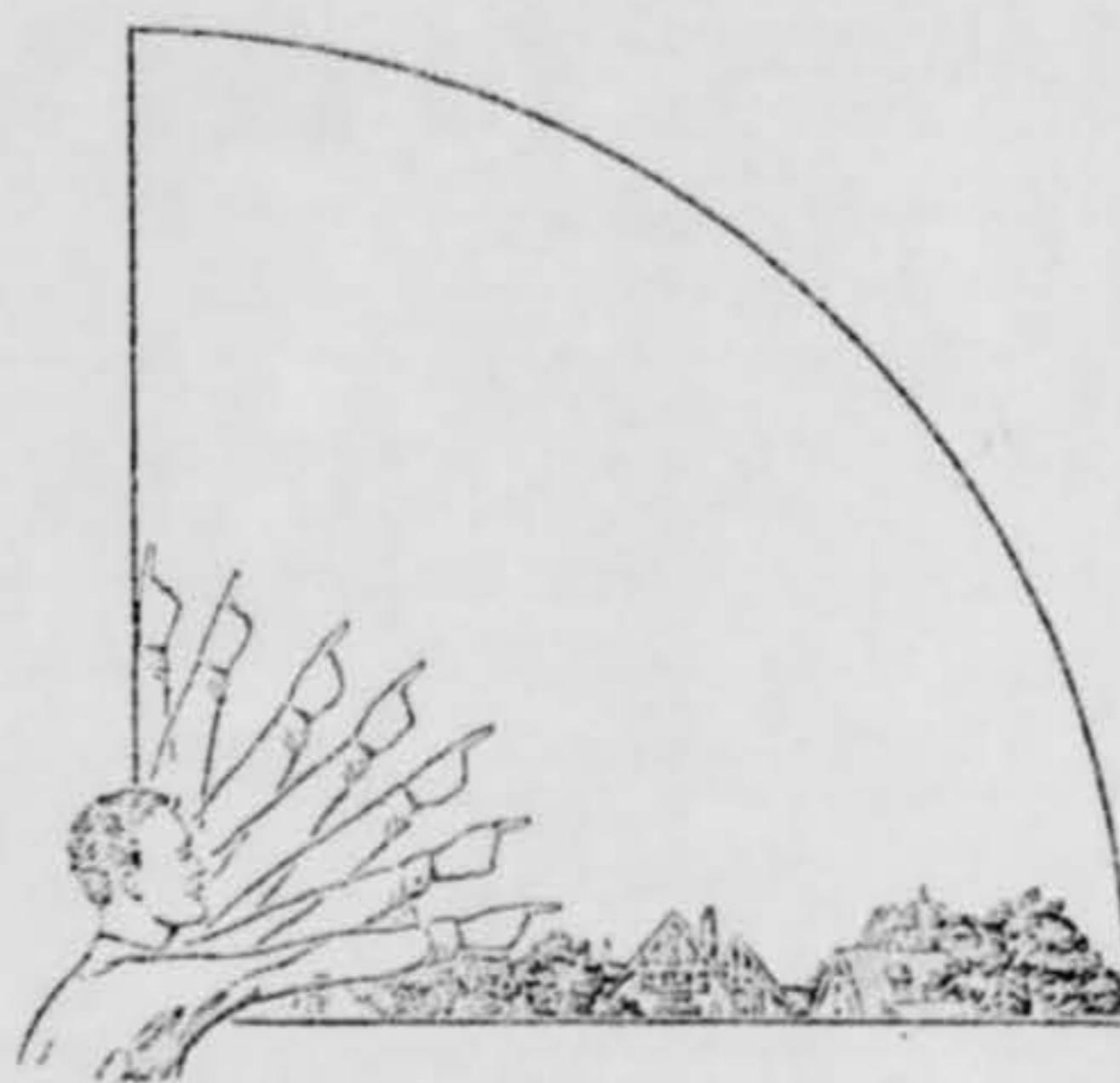
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.
- b. From horizon \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.

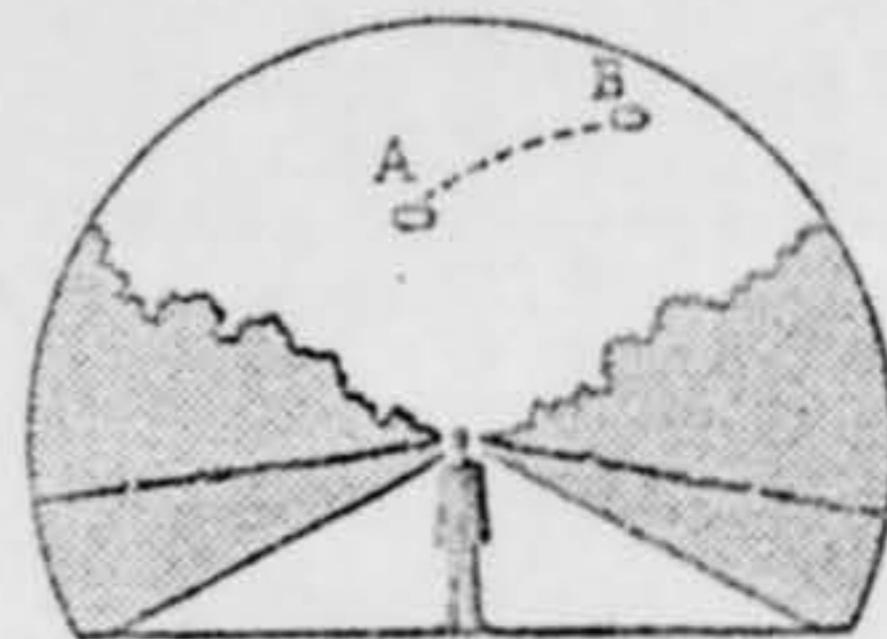
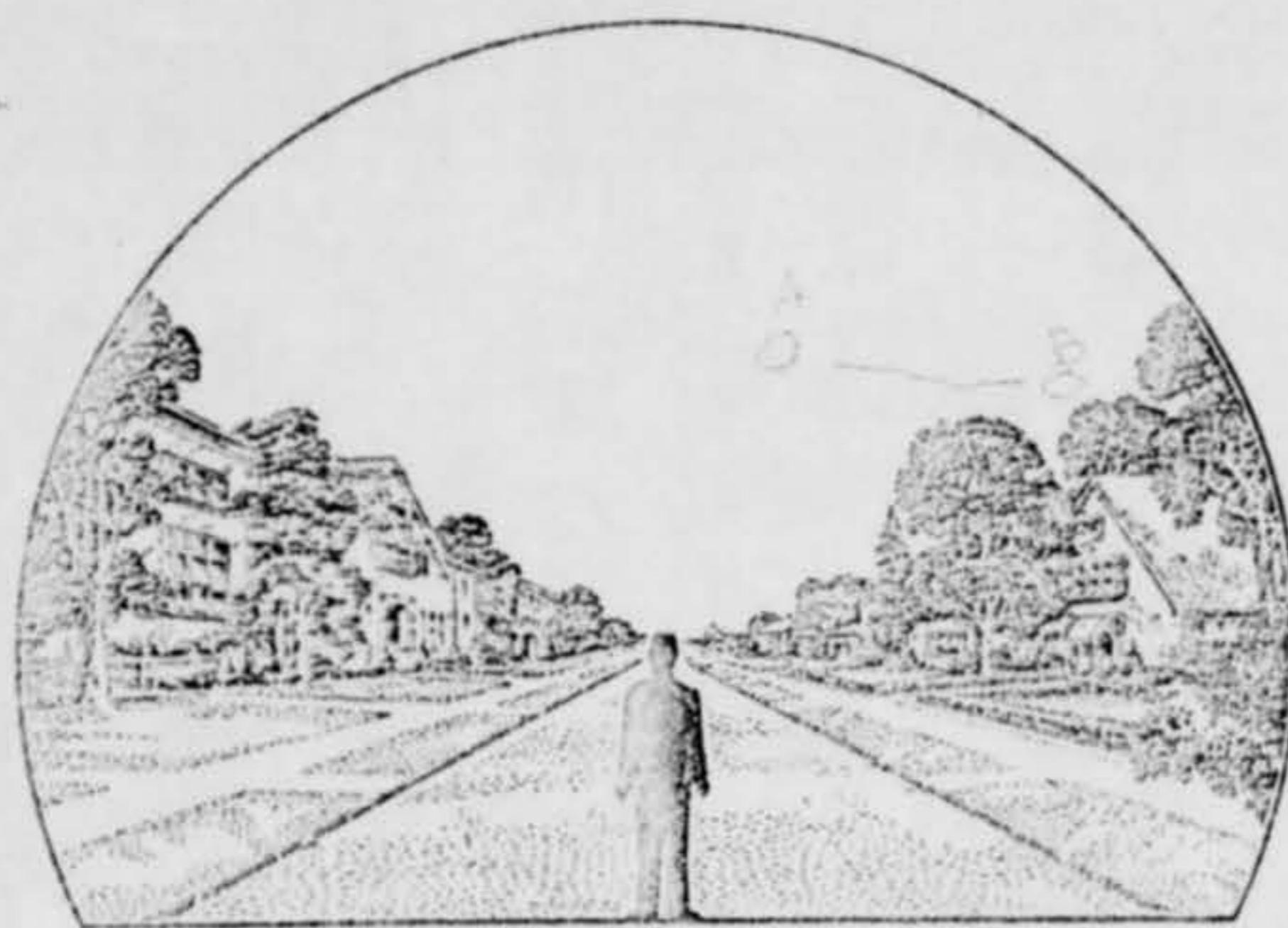
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.
- b. From horizon \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Day

Month

Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

*[Redacted]*

*[Redacted]*

*[Redacted]*

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

*[Redacted]*

*[Redacted]*

*[Redacted]*

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? \_\_\_\_\_

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? \_\_\_\_\_

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Age 18 Sex Male

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.

I completed high school and have  
now entered college for my education.  
I am a member of the National Honor  
Society and plan to attend college  
this fall.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

7 August 1961  
Day Month Year

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET  
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [REDACTED]  
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

DATE [REDACTED] August 1961

The sighting occurred during another morning of June 20, 1961, and about 10:15. I was walking my wife friend, [REDACTED] home. It was overcast and there was stamped out a little sun than usual. I was out the first to spot the UFO the was. She noticed a light west the northeast. I did not pay particular attention to it at first, it looked like a star to me. But the next time I looked up it moved. Furthermore I could see that it was moving very fast. After all that was all I could see. So the next time I saw it I took a picture of it.

that kept off and the black which  
the surrounding vegetation had  
a fairly undisturbed area of the  
dry grass cut out and the grass cut to  
about the width the 4 ft.

The movement of the fire was from  
westward to northeast. It started very  
slowly and appeared at first as the  
smoking cinders to us. It then moved  
slightly more rapidly than it moved.

As the illustration  
indicates in one step <sup>A</sup> moving its several  
feet westward the <sup>B</sup>  
was watched for about 15 min.  
Then suddenly the slight hiss of the  
burned out, it grew thin and suddenly  
burned, as it became darkened out. Thinking that was well gone put  
back into the car and started to drive.  
Very suddenly said "Wait, it's  
burning back to you again," the  
light began to grow strong, the  
it was close to the car before it  
it was burning very slowly all the  
time was the same way although it did  
not catch up with the car  
and a distance to the left.

At about 5:30 A.M., I took [redacted]  
home, because I didn't want to stay  
out any later. Fortunately it was clear  
at 4:30 when we arrived at the beach.  
I took her to keep me company while  
we ate our meal. I stayed until the  
next day, as I drove home the UFO  
was still there, and though I thought  
it silly at the time, seemed to be  
pursuing me. When I got home I  
watched it until 4:30 and then went  
to bed, because I could hardly sleep  
my eyes open.

When [redacted] and I compared  
notes the next day, she said that  
shortly after I left she looked up  
and the UFO was not there. Perhaps  
it had gone one place all.

I watched for several nights,  
however, but did not expect anything  
like the UFO.

Parts of this report may not  
compare exactly with my original  
report, but I left my notes concerning  
the sightings for all to read just  
as I close this sighting account.

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20 JUL 1961

UFO Report

SAFOI-3C (Major Coleman)

Attached are copies of two (2) letters reporting the sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena. The information is limited; therefore, it is suggested that your office forward two (2) ATIC Form 164s to each individual for completion and forwarding to FTD.

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EDWARD H. COLEMAN  
Coloneil, USAF  
Deputy for Science  
and Components

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1. Cy ltr dtd 9 Jul 61 fr  
[REDACTED]  
2. Cy ltr dtd 3 Jul 61 fr  
[REDACTED]

14 August 1961

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your recent letter furnishing information on a UFO sighting is appreciated. In order that we may have more complete information, I am forwarding a copy of the ATIC questionnaire with the request that you complete it as fully as possible and forward directly to:

U.S. Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio  
Attention: Aerial Phenomena Investigations

Your interest in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.  
Major, USAF  
UFO Project Officer  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]

Bearnie, Missouri

July 9, 1961

Department of the Air Force  
Headquarters United States Air Force  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

This is a UFO sighting report. It took place on June 30, 1961, at Dexter, Missouri. All time checks in this report are approximate, as I did not have a timepiece available.

It was approximately 2:15 A.M. when we spotted the object. I was at Dexter on a date with my girl friend, [REDACTED]. She was leaving for California the next day and so I stayed a little later than usual. We were out driving around when she noticed it. "It" was a round blue-white object, slightly larger than Venus. As a matter of fact, it looked so much like a star that I paid no attention to it, at first. The next time I looked at it moved to the left about two feet. I asked her if she noticed it and she said she had. I drove the car to one of the elementary schools. It was built on a hill and one can get a good unobstructed view of the surrounding country side. I parked the car in the driveway and we got out to watch the object.

When we first noticed the object, it was low and to the northeast. As we watched it, it got closer and moved south ever so often. The movement was very slight at times and you had to watch closely to notice it. Then at about 2:35 A.M., the light began to grow dim and gradually faded out completely. We got back into the car and prepared to leave, when she said, "Wait a minute, its coming back." Sure enough, the light came back growing brighter until it was back to its original brightness. We got back out of the car and resumed our watch.

From approximately 2:35 to 3:35 the object would closer to us. If it got closer we could see that it was not a light at all. Rather it was of cylindrical shape with the light on top of it. I have a rough drawing of it below.



At about 3:40, two more witnesses showed up. They were police, out on their nightly patrol, noticed my car and pulled it to investigate. We called their attention to the object and they watched with us for about 5 minutes. All this time, the object was gradually drifting north and getting lower in the sky.

I got [REDACTED] home about 4:00, I had left for home ([REDACTED], a small town about 1200 south of Denver). When I arrived home, the object was still in the sky, still moving north and getting lower. It was still there when I went to bed.

I delayed sending in this report for several reasons. First, I took some pictures of the object which did not come in until Sunday of this week. They did not come out. Secondly, I wanted to try to cover every possibility of what this object might be.

I have ruled out airplanes, for the fact that an airplane does not hang in one position. Also there was no sound. I have also ruled out stars and planets. There was a layer of clouds covering the northeastern sky that night and the object was below the cloud layer. It might possibly have been a balloon but what kind of a balloon has a light on top of it. Also, what would account for the light fading out and then coming back?

Any other information I can give you, I will be glad to do. I can be reached at 314-4700.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Bernie, Missouri

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

## U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

2. Time of day: \_\_\_\_\_ Hour \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone: (Circle One): a. Eastern

- b. Central
- c. Mountain
- d. Pacific
- e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving  
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Nearest Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_

State or Country \_\_\_\_\_

Additional remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

5. How long was object in sight?

Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds \_\_\_\_\_

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

- a. Bright
- b. Cloudy

NIGHT

- a. Bright
- b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

- (Circle One): a. In front of you
- b. In back of you
- c. To your right

- d. To your left
- e. Overhead
- f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. The object appeared:

(Circle One):

- a. As a light
- b. Shiny
- c. Dark
- d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars?

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |   |     |    |            |
|---|-----|----|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | Yes | No | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what  
it moved behind:

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what  
in front of:

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): a. Solid b. Transparent c. Vapor d. Don't Know

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- |                 |     |    |
|-----------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses   | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield   | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No |

- |               |     |    |
|---------------|-----|----|
| e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| f. Telescope  | Yes | No |
| g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| h. Other      |     |    |

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

- a. Sound \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Color \_\_\_\_\_

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred  
 b. Like a bright star  
 c. Sharply outlined  
 d. Don't remember  
 e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

21. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar?

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

the object disappeared when it went behind a tree someone had thrown into sight.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

A very bright sun like our morning sun  
would appear like a small white dot  
when it was held up in the sky.